

into the capital, in the King's
name,
without asking for his
sanction, for
fear of refusal.

Queen

When did you send your
messengers?

Minister

It will soon be a month
hence. I
am expecting their answers
every
moment. But I am afraid
they will
not respond.

Queen

Not respond to the King's
call ?

Devadatta

The King has become a piece
of wild
rumour, which they can
believe* or
not, as they like.

Queen

Keep your soldiers ready,
Minister,
for these people. They shall
have to
answer to me, as my
relatives.

. [*The MINISTER goes**